

10. (once amended) A basket assembly for a dishwashing machine comprising:

A4 a substantially rectangular silverware basket comprising first and second lateral side walls having a first length and first and second longitudinal side walls having a second length, said second length greater than said first length, each of said side walls having a structure to permit water spray action cleaning of items therein; and

a handle attached to and extending between said lateral side walls and comprising a contoured gripper portion, said handle selectively positionable between a first position and a second position, one of said first and second positions allowing substantially unobstructed access to said compartment for loading and unloading of silverware.

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PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW CLAIMS

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17. (new) A basket assembly for a dishwashing machine comprising:

AS a silverware basket defining a longitudinally extending silverware compartment configured for spray action cleaning of items therein; and

a handle attached to said basket and extending longitudinally above said compartment in a first position, said handle movable to a second position allowing substantially unobstructed access to said compartment for loading and unloading of silverware.

18. (new) A basket assembly for a dishwashing machine comprising a substantially rectangular silverware basket comprising first and second lateral side walls having a first length and first and second longitudinal side walls having a second length, said second length greater than said first length, each of said side walls configured to permit spray action cleaning of items placed in said basket;

a handle bracket attached to each of said lateral side walls; and